UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 07-428

v. * SECTION: F

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CLYDE LEE CASTON VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 371

* 18 U.S.C. § 1709

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FACTUAL BASIS

Should this matter proceed to trial, the United States will prove beyond a reasonable doubt, through credible testimony of agents of the United States Postal Inspection Service, state and local law enforcement agencies, and the production of reliable evidence, the following facts:

From a time unknown but prior to April 2001 and continuing until or about January 2004, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendants, TIMOTHY B. DEDE, BENSON V. DABNEY, CLYDE LEE CASTON, LOUIN SEABROOK JACKSON, KIM YVETTE HESTER MARTIN, FELICIA DANIELLE TANNER, TYRONE LEWIS, TANYA S. PAYTON-LEWIS and ANTHONY MARTIN, did knowingly combine, conspire, confederate and agree to buy, receive and unlawfully have in their possession mail or articles contained therein, including, but not limited to, personal bank checks, which had been stolen,

taken, embezzled and abstracted from the mail or an authorized depository for mail matter, knowing said mail or articles contained therein to have been stolen, taken, embezzled and/or abstracted.

In connection with the above described conspiracy, during a period between April 2001 and January 2004, TYRONE LEWIS, CLYDE LEE CASTON, KIM YVETTE HESTER MARTIN, FELICIA DANIELLE TANNER, ANTHONY MARTIN, and TANYA S.

PAYTON-LEWIS, alone, together, and in groups, negotiated personalized checks stolen from a United States Post Office in the Eastern District of Louisiana, to purchase goods and items of value from business establishments.

On August 20, 2003, **CLYDE LEE CASTON** fraudulently posed as another individual at a Sam's Club store in order to fraudulently negotiate personal bank checks belonging to that other individual.

In addition, during a period between October 26, 2003, and November 13, 2003, **CLYDE LEE CASTON** unlawfully had in his possession stolen personal Hibernia Bank checks.

During a period between July 30, 2003, and August 4, 2003, **CLYDE LEE CASTON** unlawfully had in his possession stolen personal Whitney National Bank checks.

During a period between October 15, 2003, and October 22, 2003, **CLYDE LEE CASTON** unlawfully had in his possession stolen personal Bank One bank checks.

The total amount of loss caused by **CLYDE LEE CASTON**'s participation in this conspiracy is more than thirty-thousand dollars but less than seventy-thousand dollars.

READ AND APPROVED:		
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